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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT

The Acting Secretary telephoned the President. Said late yesterday afternoon he got a letter from Caccia about the Macmillan trip indicating Macmillan plans to stay until Tuesday. On Monday he hopes to see some people and have a press conference and an off-the-record press conference with the British correspondents. CAH said now Fulbright wants Macmillan and Lloyd to lunch with Foreign Relations Committee on Friday before going to Camp David. CAH said he thought it would be very bad to have Macmillan talking to the Foreign Relations Committee before he has talked with the President. CAH said if Macmillan did it at all, it might be better to do it after talks with the President. President said if he did it after their talks he would really be issuing a communique and the Committee would be quizzing him on what they agreed or disagreed about. President said CAH should tell Caccia from the President's point of view publicity, etc., is unneeded and unnecessary for an informal meeting. President said CAH should be very blunt to Caccia and tell him the President feels this meeting with Macmillan may be a mistake if it is just a publicity stunt. CAH said it sounded like Selwyn Lloyd and referred to suggestion of Macmillan appearing on TV. CAH said it appears they are trying to use us as a forum for their elections at home and to make Macmillan appear the leader in telling the American people where we are going.

The President said as far as he knew Macmillan hasn't broadcast in France or Germany and there is no need here ; that there have been no communiques in Paris or Bonn either. President said if Macmillan gets with the Foreign Relations Committee after he has met with The President, he is in effect reporting to that Committee on their talks; if there is any reporting, President said he would do it and not Macmillan. President said if Macmillan wants to make a report, let him do it in Britain.

CAH said he would tell Caccia.



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